# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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AIR POLLUTION IN RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the air pollution is becoming widespread in rural areas due to spread of industries;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted about the volume of air pollution in rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps the Government proposes to take to make general awareness about air pollution in rural areas?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Air pollution in rural areas is not widespread. Except the particulate matter, other pollutants are generally well within the air quality standards. The contribution to higher values of Particulate Matter is generally due to re-suspension of road dust.

(b) & (c) As per the information available on record, no specific study has been conducted about the volume of air pollution in rural areas.

(d) The State Pollution Control Boards undertake awareness programme for creating awareness amongst industries from time to time, and organize pollution control awareness camps which include people living in rural areas.